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Bigmouth buffalo*	35.50		John P. Cotton	1991 Missouri River
Black bullhead	1	11	Mike Mitchell	1977 Horse Creek (McCone Co.)
Black crappie	3	2	Al Elser	1973 Tongue River Reservoir
Blue sucker	11.46		Doug Askin	1989 Yellowstone River (near Miles City)
Bluegill	2.64		Brent Fladmo	1983 Peterson's Stock Dam
Brook trout	9	1	John Cook	1940 Lower Two Medicine Lake
Brown trout	29	0	E. H. "Peck" Bacon	1966 Wade Lake
Bull trout	25	10	James Hyer	1916 unknown
Burbot (ling)	17.08		Jeff Iwen	1989 Missouri River (near Wolf Point)
Carp	38	8	Don Bagley	1986 Eyraud Lakes
Channel catfish	25.89		Gordon Wentworth	1984 Fort Peck Reservoir
			Tom Hilderman (tie)	1988
Chinook (King salmon)*	31	2	Carl L. Niles	1991 Fort Peck Reservoir
Cisco*	1.46		Jim Liebelt	1990 Dredge Cut Trout Ponds
Coho salmon	4	14	Irvn Stohl	1973 Fort Peck Reservoir
Cutthroat trout	16		William Sands	1955 Red Eagle Lake
Freshwater drum	20	7	Richard Lee	1987 Fort Peck Reservoir
Golden trout	4	8	Tom McGillvray	1989 Lightning Lake
Goldeye	2	14 1/2	Vance Kielb	1989 Irrigation Canal (West of Malta)
Green sunfish**	0.56		Roger Fliger	1991 Castle Rock Reservoir
Kokanee (salmon)	5	15	Forrest Johnson	1976 Pishkun Reservoir
Lake trout	42	0	Dave Larson	1979 Flathead Lake (East Shore)
Lake whitefish	10	0	Ruby Mutch	1986 Lower St. Mary Lake
Largemouth bass	8	2 1/2	Juanita Fanning	1984 Milnor Lake
Longnose sucker	3.27		Ray Quigley	1988 Marias River
Mountain whitefish	5	1 1/2	Mervin Fenimore	1987 Kootenai River
Northern pike	37	8	Lance Moyler	1972 Tongue River Reservoir
Northern squawfish*	7	14	Darrel Torgimson	1991 Noxon Rapids Reservoir
Paddlefish	142	8	Larry Branstetter	1973 Missouri River
Peamouth**	0.64		Gordon Stewart	1991 Ashley Creek
Pumpkinseed	0.95		Tim Colver	1985 Milnor Lake
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River carpsucker**	3.50		James Jessen	1991 Yellowstone River near Terry
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Smallmouth buffalo	10	4	Ron Skirvin	1989 Fort Peck Dredge Cuts
Stonecat	0.42		Robert Garwood	1985 Milk River at Havre
Tiger muskellunge*	11.59		Jay Watson	1991 Lebo Lake
Utah chub*	1.47		Jan R. Mack	1991 Canyon Ferry Reservoir
Walleye	14	14	Duane Leidholt	1989 Yellowstone River (near Miles City)
White bass	1	2	Ludwig Dubbe	1986 Fort Peck Dredge Cuts
White crappie*	2	6	Greg Johnston	1990 Tongue River Reservoir
White sturgeon	96	0	Herb Stout	1968 Kootenai River
White sucker	5	5 1/3	Fred Perry	1983 Nelson Reservoir
Yellow bullhead	0.72		Wade Fredenberg	1987 Yellowstone River
Yellow perch	2.37		Vernon Schmid	1988 Ashley Lake

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LAKE WHITEFISH

Lake whitefish have grown greatly in popularity in recent years as anglers have discovered how to catch these tasty, hard-fighting fish. Try them and you'll find they're very different from their cousins, the mountain whitefish. Popular fisheries have developed in July, August, November, December, January, and February in Flathead Lake; in December, January, and February in Whitefish Lake; and late October, November, and December in the Flathead River. In the lake look for whitefish in 20-60 feet of water over gravel bars and off points. During summer, early morning hours are generally best. In the river look for whitefish in calmer eddies over sand or fine gravel. The most popular section of river is from the Salmon Hole to Presentine Bar. Most anglers jig for whitefish using a variety of leadhead jigs or jigging spoons. Chartreuse, green, and yellow are the most popular colors and 1/4 ounce is the most useful size. In

Whitefish Lake, anglers fish in early winter in the dark by tipping a small red fly or glohook with maggot and letting it hang just off the bottom.

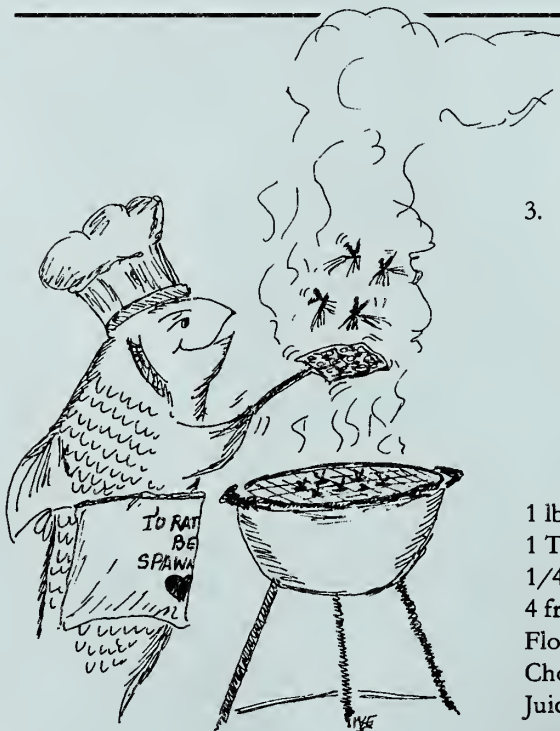
Whitefish usually hit as the lure/jig is dropping or right as it hits the end of the line or bottom. It is important to fish within inches of the bottom, occasionally bumping bottom. We recommend a light action rod and 4-6 pound test line to detect the subtle hits and get the most sport out of these hard fighters. Everyone is still learning about the fishery so don't be afraid to experiment on times, locations, and techniques.

Whitefish take a little extra work once you've caught them, but you'll be rewarded with some mild, firm tasty fillets. To make it easier to fillet, we recommend cutting out the pelvic fins (the pair of fins in front of the anal vent) and slitting the fish from the vent to the gills. Fillet and skin the fish, and remove the ribs as you normally do. There is a layer of red muscle under the skin that

has a fishy taste. We recommend removal of most of the layer by slicing it off with a fillet knife or blanching the fillets for 15 seconds in boiling water and scraping it off. It is especially important to remove the red meat if you are going to freeze the fillets. There are also a number of secondary rib bones that you can find by running your finger down the inside of the fillet. Remove these by cutting on each side with a fillet knife to take out a thin slice. The rib bones angle toward the fish's back.

Your hard work can now be rewarded with a delicious meal. Following are some of our favorite recipes. They're fairly simple and you'll wow your friends and family with your culinary expertise and a delicious meal. You can also substitute whitefish in any recipe that uses walleye, yellow perch, sole, pollock or similar fish. Many people enjoy lake whitefish smoked or pickled.

Enjoy!



seasoning as desired (seasoned salt, lemon pepper, chopped parsley, etc.). Cover (fish will pop and spatter).

3. Microwave on high about 2 minutes. Turn fillets. Microwave another 2 minutes on high. Fish is done when it is white and flakes easily. Let sit 2 minutes and serve with lemon, tartar sauce, etc.

WHITEFISH BONNE FEMME

1 lb. Fillet of Whitefish
1 TBSP Butter
1/4 cup White Wine
4 fresh Mushrooms, sliced
Flour, Salt, Pepper
Chopped Green Onions
Juice of 1/2 Lemon

Heat butter 250 degrees. Saute green onion and mushrooms—dredge fish in flour. Season with salt and pepper. Cook fish for 2 minutes—turn—cook for 2 minutes. Pour wine and juice of 1/2 lemon over fish. Simmer 2 minutes longer. Serves 4.

WHITEFISH ALMONDINE

1. Rinse and drain fillets, cut into 3-4" chunks.
2. Mix egg and milk in a bowl to a thick batter (about 1 egg/7-8 chunks).
3. Heat skillet on medium heat. Add oil to cover bottom (a little butter if desired).
4. Roll fish chunks in flour, dip in egg batter. Repeat. Place in single layer in skillet.
5. Cook fish until golden brown on side (about 5 minutes), turn and cook another 5 minutes.

Almondine Sauce:

After you turn the fish, heat small skillet or saucepan on medium-high heat. Melt enough butter to cover bottom of pan. Add enough slivered almonds to cover bottom. Stir continuously to prevent burning until golden brown (3-4 minutes). Remove from heat, add a good squirt of lemon juice, (mixture will bubble up and turn dark). Place fillets on platter and spoon almondine sauce over them.

MICROWAVE WHITEFISH

1. Melt enough butter to cover bottom of pan.
2. Arrange fillets in single layer. Sprinkle with lemon juice and

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"A"

Arctic Grayling

1.	Length: 20.9"	Weight: 3.21#	Girth: 12.5"
	Fly	05/17/94	Handkerchief Lake
	Frederick C. Dahl		

"B"

Bigmouth Buffalo

1.	Length: 40.7"	Weight: 57# 12oz.	Girth: 32.5"
	Archery	6/4/94	Nelson Reservoir
	Craig D. Grassel		

Black Bullhead

1.	Length: 15 1/2"	Weight: 2.33	Girth:
	Chicken Liver	4/4/94	Lower Flathead River
	Darwin Zempel, Jr		

Black Crappie

1.	Length: 16.7"	Weight: 3# 2oz.	Girth:
		1973	Tongue River Reservoir
	Al Elser		

Bluegill

1.	Length: 11"	Weight: 2# 10.2 oz	Girth: 17"
	Worm	6/3/83	Peterson's Stock Dam
	Brent Fladmo		

Blue Sucker

1.	Length: 29 3/4"	Weight: 11.46#	Girth: 18-1/2"
	Worm	10/7/89	Yellowstone River
	Doug Askin		Miles City

Brook Trout

1.	Length:	Weight: 9# 1oz.	Girth:
		1940	Lower Two Medicine Lake
	John R. Cook		

Brown Trout

1.	Length:	Weight: 29#	Girth:
		1966	Wade Lake
	E.H. "Peck" Bacon		

Burbot

1.	Length: 39.0"	Weight: 17.08#	Girth: 16.25"
	Minnow	4/18/89	Missouri River
	Jeff Eugene Iwen		Wolf Point

"C"**Carp**

1.	Length: 40"	Weight: 38#, 8oz.	Girth: 30"
	Bow & Arrow	6/18/86	Eyraud Lake
	Don Bagley		

Channel Catfish

1.	Length:	Weight: 25.89	Girth:
	Minnow	5/6/88	Fort Peck Reservoir
	Tom Hilderman		Hell Creek Bay

Chinook Salmon

1.	Length: 38.0"	Weight: 31# 2oz.	Girth: 26.5"
	Diamond King Spoon	10/2/91	Fort Peck Reservoir
	Carl L. Niles		Face of Dam

Cisco

1.	Length: 15.0"	Weight: 1.46#	Girth: 10.0"
	Jig & Worm	4/1/90	Fort Peck Trout Pond
	Jim Liebelt		

Coho Salmon

1.	Length: 25-1/2"	Weight: 4# 14oz.	Girth:
	Trolling w/ daredevil	5/29/73	Fort Peck Reservoir
	Irven F. Stohl		face of dam

Cutthroat Trout

1.	Length:	Weight: 16 #	Girth:
		1955	Red Eagle Lake
	William D. Sands		

"D"**Dolly Varden**

1.	Length: 37"	Weight: 25# 10oz.	Girth: 25"
	Trolling line	1916	
	James Hyer		

"F"**Flathead Chub**

1.	Length: 9 13/16	Weight: 4.8 oz/.30 lbs	Girth:
	Worm	7/26/95	Missouri River near
	Darren D. Johnson		Fred Robinson Bridge

Freshwater Drum

1.	Length: 33.5"	Weight: 20# 7oz.	Girth: 24.0"
	Nightcrawler	6/20/87	Fort Peck Reservoir
	Richard C. Lee		Big Dry Arm

"G"

Golden Trout

1.	Length: 22.5"	Weight: 4.90 #	Girth:
	Hook & line	7/11/93	Lightning Lake
	Carl Radonski		

Goldeye

1.	Length: 20-1/8"	Weight: 2# 14-1/2oz.	Girth: 11-1/4"
	Minnow	5/15/89	Irrigation Canal
	Vance "Bubba" Kielb		West of Malta

Green Sunfish

1.	Length: 8.6"	Weight: .056#	Girth:
	Poping Bug	6/19/91	Castle Rock Reservoir
	Roger Fliger		

"K"

Kokanee Salmon

1.	Length: 25-3/4"	Weight: 5# 15oz.	Girth:
	Snagging	11/12/76	Pishkun Reservoir
	Forrest L. Johnson		

"L"

Lake Trout

1.	Length: 44"	Weight: 42#	Girth: 30"
		6/24/79	Flathead Lake
	Dave Larson		East Shore

Lake Whitefish

1.	Length: 27-1/2"	Weight: 10#	Girth:
	Grub	8/14/86	Lower St. Mary Lake
	Ruby Mutch		Glacier County

Largemouth Bass

1.	Length: 21-3/4"	Weight: 8# 2-1/2oz	Girth: 18-1/2"
	Jitterbug	7/3/84	Milnor Lake
	Juanita A. Fanning		near Troy, MT


Longnose Sucker

1.	Length:	Weight: 3.27#	Girth:
	Worm	5/8/88	Marias River @ Loma
	Ray Quigley		

"M"

Mountain Whitefish

1.	Length: 21.14"	Weight: 5# 1-1/2oz.	Girth: 13-7/8"
	Cut Bait	9/15/87	Kootenai River
	Mervin Fenimore		below dam



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"N"**Northern Squawfish**

1.	Length: 27-1/8"	Weight: 7# 14oz.	Girth:
	Lure	5/28/91	Noxon Rapids Reservoir
	Darrel Torgrimson		

"p"**Paddlefish**

1.	Length: 6'5"	Weight: 142# 8oz.	Girth: 41-3/4"
	Snagged	5/20/73	Missouri River
	Larry Branstetter		near Kipp Park

Northern Pike

1.	Length:	Weight: 37# 8oz.	Girth:
		1972	Tongue River Reservoir
	Lance Moyler		

Pallid Sturgeon

1.	Length:	Weight: 60#	Girth: 27-1/2"
		5/13/79	Yellowstone River
	Gene Sattler		near Sidney, MT

Peamouth

1.	Length: 12.1"	Weight: 0.64#	Girth:
	Bait-Worm	6/4/91	Ashley Creek
	Gordon Stewart		

Pygmy Whitefish

1.	Length: 8.8"	Weight: 0.16#	Girth: 4.2"
	Hook/line/maggot	4/8/82	Ashley Lake
	Orlin Iverson		Flathead County

Pumpkinseed

1.	Length:	Weight: .95#	Girth:
	Worm	7/9/85	Milnor Lake
	Tim Colver		

"R"**Rainbow Trout**

1.	Length: 35.6"	Weight: 29.02 #	Girth: 26"
	Lure	12/8/91	Kootenai River
	Stanley Ross		David Thompson Bridge

Rainbow-Cutthroat Hybrid Trout

1.	Length: 35-3/4"	Weight: 30# 4oz.	Girth: 27-1/2"
	Bait	5/16/82	Ashley Lake
	Pat Kelley		Flathead County

Redside Shiner

1.	Length: 5.8"	Weight:	Girth:
	Shocking	10/74	Upper Clark Fork

River Carpsucker

1.	Length: 44.8 cm	Weight: 3.50#	Girth:
	James Jessen	3/10/91	Yellowstone River near Terry, MT

Rock Bass

1.	Length: 8.6"	Weight: .57#	Girth: 8.1"
	Rubber Jig	6/1/89	Tongue River Reservoir
	Don Holzheimer		

"s"**Sauger**

1.	Length: 28.2"	Weight: 8.805 #	Girth: 15.1"
	Whistler/Minnow	12/12/94	Fort Peck Reservoir
	Gene Moore		

Saugeye

1.	Length:	Weight: 15.66	Girth:
	Minnow	1/11/95	Fort Peck Reservoir
	Myron Kibler		Squaw Creek

Shortnose Gar

1.	Length: 27.25"	Weight: 3# 1oz.	Girth:
	Bow and Arrow	8/17/77	Fort Peck Dredge Cuts
	John Johnson		

Shorthead Redhorse Sucker

1.	Length: 20-1/4"	Weight: 4.68#	Girth:
	Garden Hackle	4/14/85	Marias River
	Ray Quigley		near Loma, MT

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Smallmouth Bass

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	Jig w/ leech	7/17/90	Fort Peck Lake
	Terry L. Druyvestein		Hell Creek Marina

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1.	Length: 32.2"	Weight: 32# 10oz.	Girth: 28.5"
	Archery	6/4/94	Nelson Reservoir
	Richard Liesener		

Stonecat

1.	Length: 10-1/4"	Weight: 0.42#	Girth: 5-1/2"
	Nightcrawler	4/12/85	Milk River at Havre
	Robert M. Garwood		

"T"

Tiger Muskellunge

1.	Length: 45.25"	Weight: 27 lbs	Girth:
	Jig	10/2/94	Lebo Lake
	Dan Dupea		

"U"

Utah Chub

1.	Length:	Weight: 1.81#	Girth:
	Rat Fink/Maggots	2/5/92	Canyon Ferry Reservoir
	Eugene Bastian		

"W"

Walleye

1.	Length:	Weight: 15.63 lbs	Girth:
		1/22/95	Fort Peck Reservoir
	Eric Thorpe		

White Bass

1.	Length: 12.9	Weight: 1# 2oz.	Girth: 9.5
	Spinner w/minnow	6/10/86	Missouri River
	Ludwig Dubbe		below Fort Peck Dam

White Crappie

1.	Length: 16-1/4"	Weight: 2# 7oz.	Girth: 13 3/4"
	Minnow/jig	1/21/95	Tongue River Reservoir
	Edward Field		

White Sturgeon

1.	Length:	Weight: 96#	Girth:
		1968	Kootenai River
	Herb Stout		

White Sucker

1.	Length: 21-5/8"	Weight: 5# 5-1/3oz.	Girth: 12-1/4"
	Speared	2/10/83	Nelson Reservoir
	Fred Perry		

"Y"

Yellow Perch

1.	Length: 14.5"	Weight: 2.37#	Girth:
	Jig/maggots	3/31/88	Ashley Lake
	Vernon Schmid		

Yellow Bullhead

1. Length: 10.6"

Worms

Wade Fredenberg

Weight: 0.72#

5/24/87

Girth: 0.60

Yellowstone River

Captain Clark near Custer

